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In re application of:

SHIMODA et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 29, 2000

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 5, line 2, delete "4" and insert therefor -- 3 --.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "claim 5" and insert therefor -- any one of claims 1 to 3 --.

Claim 7, line 2, delete "6" and insert therefor -- 3 --.

Claim 12, line 2, delete "11" and insert therefor -- 10 --.

Claim 13, line 1, delete "claim 12" and insert therefor -- any one of claims 8 to 10 --.

Claim 14, line 2, delete "12" and insert therefor -- 10 --.

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